

## REMARKS

Claims 1, 7, and 12 are currently pending in the present application, with Claims 1 and 12 being amended. Reconsideration and reexamination of the claims are respectfully requested.

The Examiner objected to the disclosure due to certain informalities. Specifically, the Examiner required that each of the reference labels 16<sup>iv</sup>, 16<sup>v</sup>, and 16<sup>vi</sup> be specifically described. Applicants have amended the disclosure and provided specification description of the reference labels.

The Examiner objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a) as not showing every feature of the invention specified in the claims. This objection is respectfully traversed with respect to the amended claims. Applicants first notes that Claim 12 does not include any specific references to "circuit elements." With respect to Claim 1, Applicants note that the references to circuit elements are wholly contained within the preamble of the claim, and that the actual circuit elements are not a part of the featured invention, nor act as a limitation to the invention. More importantly, Applicants point the Examiner's attention to page 1, line 30 of the specification, in which the present application speaks to certain improvements that need to be made for isolating electromagnetic fields emitted from conventional on-chip transmission lines. It should be inherently understood by one skilled in the art that transmissions lines for use on a chip are used for purposes of connecting, among other items, circuit elements on the chip.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Gaibotti et al. Applicants hereby submit an affidavit under 37 C.F.R. 1.131 establish an effective invention date of the present application to be at least as early as December 6, 1998. Applicants attach to the affidavit copies of one of the inventor's lab notebook that contains notes between December 6, 1998 to December 9, 1998, as well as an inventor disclosure that was submitted by the inventors in 1999. The lab pages from 1998 clearly show, in both drawings, data charts, and in written notes, that the inventors had established reduction to practice as of at least December 8, 1998. Accordingly, given that Gaibotti was not filed in the U.S. until December 30, 1998, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection is overcome.


In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. An entry of the claim amendments after final is requested. Reconsideration and reexamination of the claims and an early allowance is solicited. If the Examiner believes it would further advance the prosecution of the present application, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant(s) petition(s) for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 53535.20005.00.

Respectfully submitted,

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